

APPENDIX A
Complete Listing of All Claims

1 (currently amended and withdrawn): A dog leash comprising:

a handle;

an outer buckle attached to said handle, said handle being a flexible handle strap portion having first and second ends, said first end passing through said outer buckle and looped back over said second end and attached thereto to form said handle;

a first strap portion having an outer and inner end and attached at its outer end to said outer buckle and attached at its inner end to an inner buckle;

a second strap portion having an outer and inner end and attached at its outer end to said inner buckle;

one of said first and second strap portions being elastic and the other of said first and second strap portions being inelastic; and

a dog collar attachment means attached to said inner end of said second strap portion.

2-4 (canceled)

5 (withdrawn): The dog leash of claim 1 wherein said outer and inner buckles are releasable.

6 (withdrawn): The dog leash of claim 5 wherein said outer and inner buckles are each formed of male and female portions which are adapted to mate and form a locked configuration, and to be disengaged from their locked configuration to form an unlocked configuration.

7 (withdrawn): The dog leash of claim 5 wherein said second strap portion is attached to said dog collar attachment means by a releasable buckle.

8 (withdrawn): The dog leash of claim 1 including an inelastic locking strap member extending between and attached to the same buckles or dog collar attachment means as said elastic strap portion, said inelastic locking strap member having outer and inner inelastic strap portions that are releasably attached to each other and adapted to prevent said elastic strap portion from stretching when said inelastic strap portions are attached to each other and to permit said elastic strap portion to stretch when said inelastic strap portions are released from attachment to each other.

9 (withdrawn): The dog leash of claim 8 wherein said first strap portion is elastic and said second strap portion is inelastic, said handle being a flexible strap having first and second ends, said first end being attached to said outer buckle, said second end passing through said outer buckle to form a looped handle, said second end having a first releasable buckle portion attached thereto and forming said outer inelastic strap portion of said inelastic locking strap member, said inner inelastic strap portion having outer and inner ends and is attached at its inner end to said inner buckle and attached to a second releasable buckle portion at its outer end, said first and second releasable buckle portions adapted to releasably mate for form a locked configuration and to be disengaged to form an unlocked configuration.

10 (withdrawn): The dog leash of claim 9 including a stop member located on that portion of said second end of said handle located outwardly of said outer buckle.

11 (withdrawn): A dog leash comprising:

a handle;

an outer buckle attached to said handle;

a first strap portion having an outer and inner end and attached at its outer end to said outer buckle and attached at its inner end to an inner buckle;

a second strap portion having an outer and inner end and attached at its outer end to said inner buckle;

one of said first and second strap portions being elastic and the other of said first and second strap portions being inelastic;

a dog collar attachment means attached to said inner end of said second strap portion; and

an inelastic locking strap member extending between and attached to the same buckles or dog collar attachment means as said elastic strap portion, said inelastic locking strap member having outer and inner inelastic strap portions that are releasably attached to each other and adapted to prevent said elastic strap portion from stretching when said inelastic strap portions are attached to each other and to permit said elastic strap portion to stretch when said inelastic strap portions are released from attachment to each other.

12 (withdrawn): The dog leash of claim 11 wherein said first strap portion is elastic and said second strap portion is inelastic, said handle being a flexible strap having first and second ends, said first end being attached to said outer buckle, said second end passing through said outer buckle to form a looped handle, said second end having a first releasable buckle portion attached thereto and forming said outer inelastic strap portion of said inelastic locking strap member, said

inner inelastic strap portion having outer and inner ends and is attached at its inner end to said inner buckle and attached to a second releasable buckle portion at its outer end, said first and second releasable buckle portions adapted to releasably mate for form a locked configuration and to be disengaged to form an unlocked configuration.

13 (withdrawn): A dog leash comprising:

- a handle formed of a flexible strap having first and second ends;

- an outer buckle attached to the first end of said handle;

- a first elastic strap portion having an outer and inner end and attached at its outer end to said outer buckle and attached at its inner end to an inner buckle;

- a second inelastic strap portion having an outer and inner end and attached at its outer end to said inner buckle; and

- a dog collar attachment means attached to said inner end of said second strap portion;

- said second end of said handle forming an inelastic locking strap member extending through said outer buckle and releasably attached at its inner end to said inner buckle.

14 (currently amended): A dog leash comprising:

- a handle, said handle being an inelastic strap having first and second ends, said first end being attached to an outer buckle, said second end passing through said outer buckle to form a looped handle, said second end having a first releasable buckle portion attached thereto to form an outer inelastic strap portion of an inelastic locking strap member;

- an elastic first strap portion having an outer and inner end, said elastic first strap

portion being attached at its outer end to said outer buckle and attached at its inner end to an inner buckle;

an inelastic second strap portion having an outer and inner end, said inelastic second strap portion being attached at its outer end to said inner buckle and attached at its inner end to a dog collar attachment means; and

an inner inelastic strap ~~portion~~ member having outer and inner ends, said inner elastic strap ~~portion~~ member being attached at its inner end to said inner buckle and attached at its outer end to a second releasable buckle portion to form an inner inelastic strap portion of said inelastic locking strap member, said first and second releasable buckle portions adapted to releasably mate ~~for~~ to form a locked configuration of said inelastic locking strap member and adapted to be disengaged to form an unlocked configuration of said inelastic locking strap member.

15 (previously presented): The dog leash of claim 14 including a stop member located on that portion of second end of said handle located outwardly of said outer buckle, said stop member adapted to prevent said second end of said handle from being pulled through said outer buckle once said inner and outer portions of said inelastic locking strap have been releasably mated to form a locked configuration.

16 (previously presented): The dog leash of claim 14 wherein said inner and outer buckles are releasable buckles.

17 (currently amended): A dog leash comprising:

a handle, said handle being an inelastic strap having first and second ends, said first end being attached to an outer buckle, said second end passing through said outer buckle to form a looped handle, said second end having a first releasable buckle portion attached thereto to form an outer inelastic strap portion of an inelastic locking strap member;

an elastic first strap portion having an outer and inner end, said elastic first strap portion being attached at its outer end to said outer buckle and attached at its inner end to a dog collar attachment means; and

an inner inelastic strap ~~portion~~ member having outer and inner ends, said inner elastic strap ~~portion~~ member being attached at its inner end to said inner buckle and attached at its outer end to a second releasable buckle portion to form an inner inelastic strap portion of said inelastic locking strap member, said first and second releasable buckle portions adapted to releasably mate ~~for~~ to form a locked configuration of said inelastic locking strap member and adapted to be disengaged to form an unlocked configuration of said inelastic locking strap member.

18 (new): The dog leash of claim 17 including a stop member located on that portion of second end of said handle located outwardly of said outer buckle, said stop member adapted to prevent said second end of said handle from being pulled through said outer buckle once said inner and outer portions of said inelastic locking strap have been releasably mated to form a locked configuration.

19 (new): The dog leash of claim 17 wherein said inner and outer buckles are releasable buckles.